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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ALSTON'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: STATE 096286

1. USAFLO AIRCRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRANSPORT ALSONT'S FROM SYDNEY TO CANBERRA MAY 9. WE ESTIMATE ETA CANBERRA 10:00 A.M. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WILL BE MET BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHO WILL ESCORT HIM TO RESIDENCE.

2. WE DO NOT THINK PRESS CONFERENCE ADVISABLE AT EITHER SYDNEY OR CANBERRA; RATHER WE BELIEVE PRESS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ARRANGED SHORTLY AFTER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. PRESS MAY WELL BE IMPORTUNATE UPON AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL, BUT WE THINK IT BEST FOR HIM TO CONFIN ANY REMARKS HE MAY WISH TO MAKE TO HIS PLEASURE AT BEING HERE WHILE ASSURING PRESS THAT HE WILL BE GLAD TO ARRANGE A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HE PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS. APECIFICALLY, HE SHOULD AVOID ANY COMMENT ON JOINT-DEFENSE FACILITIES AND CIA.

3. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS ARRANGED PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS FOR 10:45 A.M. MAY 12. CREDENTIALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO SIR RODEN CUTLER, GOVERNOR N.S.W., WHO IS THE ADMINISTRATOR IN ABSENCE GOVERNOR-GENERAL SIR JOHN
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4. BRIEF CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION SCENARIO: CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ARRIVES AT RESIDENCE WITH ROLLS ROYCE TO ESCORT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AND HIS WIFE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AND MRS. ALSTON ALIGHT AT STATE ENTRANCE AND ARE MET BY ADMINISTRATOR'S

MILITARY AIDE. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FACES HONOR GUARD WHICH PRESENTS ARMS AND RMC BAND PLAYS GENERAL SALUTE. THEREAFTER MILITARY AIDE LEADS AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE INTO GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND INTRODUCES THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICIAL STAFF. THEN FOREIGN MINISTER ENTERS MAIN DRAWING ROOM AND AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AND HIS STAFF ARE ESCORTED THERE. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PRESENTS AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO HIS EXCELLENCY; THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SPEAKS AND THEN HANDS HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AND HIS PREDECESSOR'S RECALL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR. THE ADMINISTRATOR REPLIES AND SHAKES HANDS WITH THE AMBASSADOR WHO THEN PRESENTS HIS WIFE TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTS THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE AMBASSADOR. THE AMBASSADOR THEN INTRODUCES HIS STAFF TO THE ADMINISTRATOR. THEREAFTER THE AMBASSADOR, HIS WIFE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS WIFE HAVE A PRIVATE DISCUSSION IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE STUDY AND A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH IS TAKEN. FOLLOWING THE PHOTOGRAPH THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE TAKE THEIR LEAVE. THE AMBASSADOR IS CONDUCTED TO THE STATE ENTRANCE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE WHERE THE GUARD WILL PRESENT A ROYAL SALUTE AND THE BAND PLAYS U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM. THEREAFTER THE AMBASSADOR INSPECTS THE GUARD OF HONOR, THE BAND, AND ON COMPLETION OF INSPECTION HE JOINS MRS. ALSTON. THEY RETURN TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CAR AND ARE ESCORTED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO THEIR RESIDENCE WHERE IT IS TRADITIONAL THAT THEY HAVE CHAMPAGNE FOR THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND HIS STAFF WHO WILL LEAVE WITHIN 10 OR 15 MINUTES.

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5. DRESS IS MORNING CLOTHES FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AND SHORT DRESS, GLOVES, AND HAT FOR MRS. ALSTON.
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